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The Wisconsin Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (WCLPPP)

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The Wisconsin Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (WCLPPP) is organizationally located in the Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health (DPH), Bureau of Environmental Health. The Program works collaboratively with other bureaus, sections, units, and disciplines within DPH, including: Occupational Health, Family and Community Health, DPH Regional Offices, and the public health professions of nursing, nutritionists, educators, and environmental health specialists/sanitarions. The Program staff also works with the Division of Health Care Financing, the Division of Housing, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Population Health Sciences, Department of Professional Development and Applied Studies, and the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene.

WCLPPP is committed to the continued development of partnerships with public health programs, and in expanding collaboration with private and voluntary sectors to reduce childhood lead morbidity and exposure to lead hazards.

The roles and functions of WCLPPP are to:

- ✓ Develop and implement Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules
- ✓ Provide consultation, technical support, and standards of practice for childhood lead poisoning prevention and control
- ✓ Support and augment efforts by local health departments (LHDs) and their communities to reduce lead exposure and morbidity
- ✓ Provide leadership and support development of comprehensive community-based childhood lead poisoning prevention programs
- ✓ Seek federal funding for lead poisoning prevention activities
- ✓ Provide information to the public regarding lead poisoning prevention

The WCLPPP is funded by state General Purpose Revenue and federal grants from the CDC, HUD, EPA, and the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. Program services and activities include:

- ✓ Tracking of statewide lead poisoning patterns
- ✓ Support of laboratory analysis of environmental and biological lead samples, with priority given to those who are uninsured
- ✓ Providing consultation and technical assistance to LHDs in managing difficult cases/investigations
- ✓ Providing information and training to the public regarding current guidelines and recommendations
- ✓ Assuring compliance with Wisconsin's public health statutes as they pertain to lead poisoning prevention and control
- ✓ Providing education and training in screening, nursing practice, environmental lead hazard investigations, recommendations for controlling lead hazards, and assistance with certification and training for lead related disciplines

- ✓ Contracting with health departments to provide local childhood lead poisoning prevention activities.

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By the year 2010, all Wisconsin children will be protected from lead poisoning.

WCLPPP Strategic Plan

In alignment with our funding agencies, the Division of Public Health, and local health departments, WCLPPP has developed a strategic plan to guide its programming and measure its progress towards protecting children from lead poisoning. The following long-term goals are part of the WCLPPP strategic plan. The work activities to accomplish these goals will be dynamic and evolving.

BY 12/31/10 . . .

- I. 100% of housing that meets the Wisconsin housing profile for lead poisoning will be made lead safe.
- II. 100% of children meeting the Wisconsin Child Risk Profile for lead poisoning will have age appropriate lead testing.
- III. 100% of census tracts in HUD entitlement communities in Wisconsin will have a prevalence of childhood lead poisoning lower than the national average.
- IV. 100% of children with diagnosed elevated blood lead levels (Wis Stats 254.11(9)) will have blood lead levels below 10µg/dL within one year of diagnosis.
- V. 100% of properties of children with elevated blood lead levels will be made lead safe within 30 days of written orders (Wis Stats 254.166(1), 254.166(2)(d)).
- VI. 100% of children will be protected from exposure to lead hazards during renovation and remodeling.
- VII. A system of assessment and surveillance of lead poisoning in Wisconsin will be developed and maintained to support systematic, competent program planning and sound policy development.

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